S. No.	Name of Exchange	Estimated cost	Type of Building	Proposal
		KOTTAYAM SSA		
1.	Pallickathode	Drwg. being finalised	"	1997-98
2.	Bharananganam	Rs. 24,21,900	"	1996-97
3.	Kollapally	Rs. 24,21,000	"	"
4.	Chengalam	Rs. 24,21,000	"	"
5.	Kidangoor	Rs. 24,21,900	"	"
6.	Mundakayam	—	special Type	"
7.	Marangathupilly	Rs. 24,14,500	RLU	"
8.	Kozhuvanal	Drwg. to be finalised	"	"
9.	Monipally	"	"	"
10.	Moonilavu	—	"	1997-98
		ALLEPPEY SSA		
1.	Pulicunnu	—	RLU	1997-98
2.	Vallikkunnam	Drwg. to be finalised	"	1996-97
3.	Trikkunnapuzha	"	"	"
4.	Kattanam	"	"	"
		TIRUVALLA SSA		
1.	Elanthur	Rs. 21,17,000	"	"
2.	Kadampanad	Rs. 21,58,000	"	"
3.	Kodumon	—	"	1997-98
4.	Ranni	Drwg. being finalised	"	"
		PALGHAT SSA		
1.	Kolongode	Drwg. to be finalised	RLU	1997-98
2.	Parli	Rs. 19,73,000	"	1997-98
3.	Sreekrishnapuram	Rs. 25,05,000	"	"
4.	Koonisserry	Rs. 23,32,000	"	"
5.	Kadampazhipuram	Rs. 23,08,000	"	"
6.	Pathiripala	Rs. 23,74,000	"	"
7.	Chalisserry	Rs. 25,05,000	"	"
8.	Kalladikod	Rs. 19,87,000	"	"
9.	Mundur	Rs. 17,04,000	"	"
10.	Coyalmanna	Drwg. to be finalised	"	"

Change in timings of Telephone Bill collection centres

1648. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone bill collection centres opened by the MTNL in various places in Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai;

(b) whether it is fact that the timings of the centres is 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. whereby the public at large is facing difficulties in attending offices in time;

(c) whether Government propose to change the timings from 7.30 A.M. and onwards in order to mitigate this difficulty as is being done by the DESU bill collecting centres functioning in Delhi;

(d) if so, by when is it likely to be introduced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Sir, the number

of telephone bill collection centres in MTNL is given below:

	Delhi	Bomaby
MTNL Counters	31	43
Bank Counters	86	186
CTD/DTOs	44	16
Post Offices		32
	161	277

In addition five mobile vans are visiting different places in Delhi on scheduled days.

Ahmedabad is not a unit of MTNL.

(b) Timing in respect of collection Centres is given below:

MTNL Counters	10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Telegraph Office	10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Banks	Normal Banking Hrs.
Mobile Vans	10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

(c) There is no proposal to change the timings of MTNL Collection Centres.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) MTNL is actively considering the opening of more collection centres to serve the customers and to avoid any inconvenience to them in payment of telephone bills.

Textile Workers rendered jobless in Gujarat

1649. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills closed in Gujarat;

(b) the estimated number of workers rendered jobless;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to rehabilitate these workers;

(d) whether Govrnment intend to release funds through the NRF scheme, and if so, by when and the amount expected to be released?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) As on 31.5.96, no Cotton/man-made fibre mill is closed in Gujarat under I.D. Act, 23 mills were closed under liquidation and 32 mills were temporarily closed mainly due to financial difficulties.

(b) The number of workers affected was 93741.

(c) Government has established Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme to provide interim relief to the workers of permanently/partial closed mills.

(d) Department of Industrial Development will take up action after finalisation of modalities for grant of assistance from NRF.

रेल के सवारी डिब्बों में सामान की चोरी

1650. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को द्वितीय श्रेणी के आरक्षित शयनयान-डिब्बों में यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के सामान की चोरी की घटनाओं के बारे में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस समस्या से निपटने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) और (ख) रेलों में होने वाले अपराध सहित अपराध को दर्ज करना, उसकी जांच-पड़ताल करना, पता लगाना और उसकी रोकथाम करने की जिम्मेवारी मुख्यतः संबंधित राज्य सरकारों की है। राज्यों में, आमतौर पर राजकीय रेलवे पुलिस (जी० आर० पी०) नामक एक संगठन होता है जो रेल गाड़ियों और रेलवे स्टेशनों पर होने वाले अपराधों से निपटने के लिए ही होता है।

Policy for Polluting Vehicles

1651. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any long term policy for phasing out older vehicles in the country which are the major source of air pollution;